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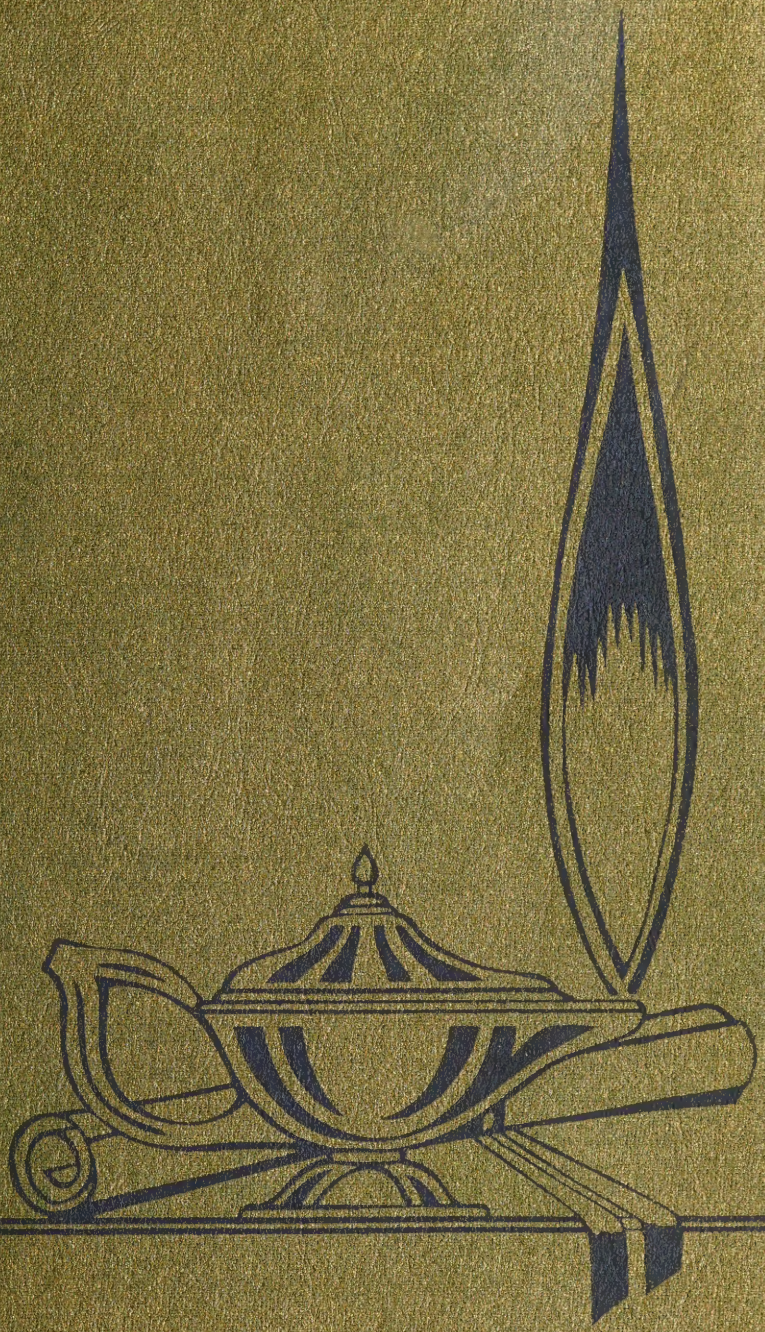

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FOREWORD

In the publication of this sixth edition of the "Bright Leaf", we have attempted to give you a vivid picture of the activities and events of our school year.

Our theme centers the hand. THE HAND...a helping hand a moveable aid in learning to achieve goals in life...a tribute to the social world--a warm friendly clasp--wins affection, friendship, play...in the field of athletics--the hand strengthens the body physically, the mind mentally and morally. Last but not least, the handshake on graduation day gives future prestige, confidence, and insurity of knowledge, gained under democratic ideals and principles.

We feel that in presenting this issue we have realized an exceptional goal and standard for yearbook publication. May this issue be an inspiring link in the chain of annuals which will serve to inspire coming classes in their attempt to exceed our efforts.

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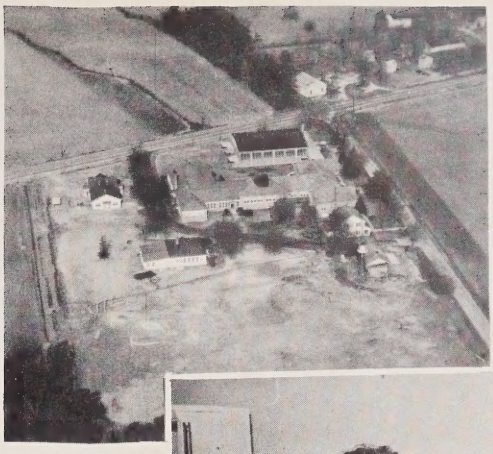

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TO MR. J. ALLEN KENNY

In this year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, the senior class of Gardners High School in acknowledgement for conscientious guidance, leadership, and outstanding spirit through undivided interest in our school wish to express their grateful appreciation by dedicating this edition of THE BRIGHTLEAF to Mr. J. Allen Kenny.

W. P. Proctor
Committee Chairman

H. D. Browning, Jr.
Wilson County Superintendent

ADMINISTRATION

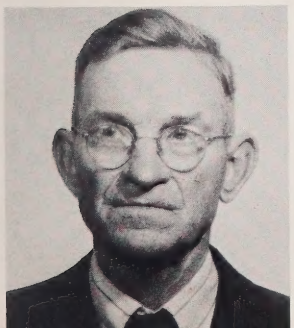
It is through the kindness and personal interest of the Gardners School Committee that the valuable links of school, community, and home life are bound so closely together. Through these leaders, the vital policies of school life are determined.

R. H. Thomas

A. C. Peele

Warren R. Tait, Principal

J. H. Baker



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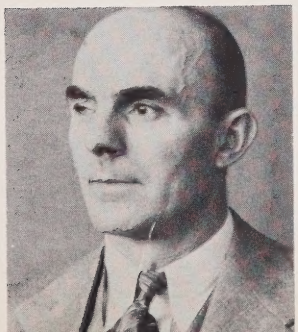
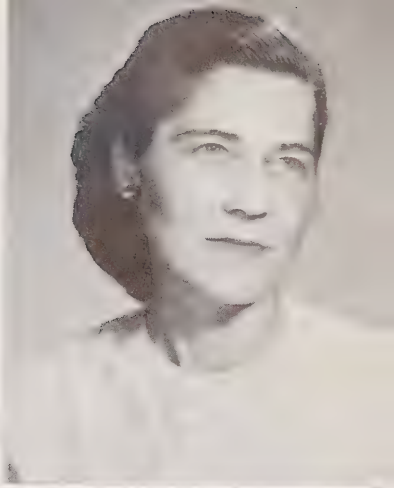


MR. WARREN R. TAIT

The seniors wish to pay tribute to a kind and understanding person, their principal, Mr. Tait. He at all times willingly lends an ear to students and teachers alike. Throughout the day, one sees him here and there - on campus, in the halls of the elementary, and high school, in the lunchroom, agriculture building, gymnasium, and office. He is sympathetic, patient, and stern when there is a need. He will be remembered by students and teachers alike as a friend and wise counsellor, ever generous with his time and energies.

FACULTY



MRS. ORIN THOMAS
Pinetops, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
First Grade

MRS. E. HUGH BASS
Wilson, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Second Grade

MRS. MILDRED T. GARDNER
Elm City, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Third Grade

MRS. W. E. PHILLIPS
Pinetops, North Carolina
A.B., East Carolina College
Atlantic Christian College
Fourth Grade

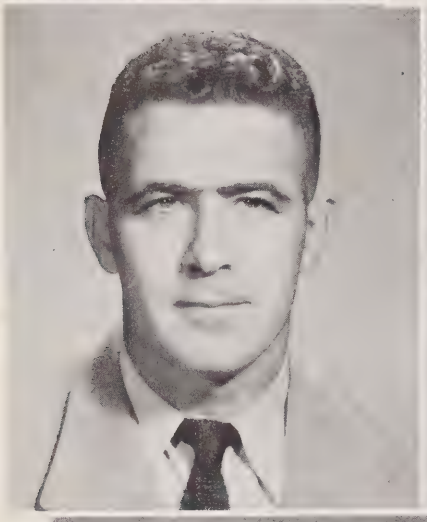
MISS NELLIE L. SHARPE
Elm City, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Fourth and Fifth Grades

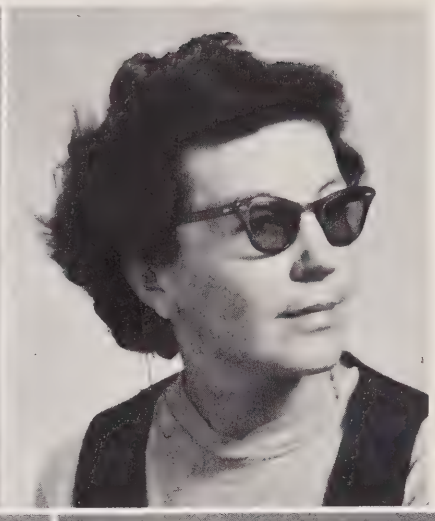
MRS. G. G. JACKSON
Elm City, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Guilford College
Fifth and Sixth Grades

MRS. U. R. SIMPKINS
Wilson, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Appalachian State Teachers College
Sixth and Seventh Grades

FACULTY

L. B. BENNETT
Arapahoe, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
East Carolina College
Eighth Grade



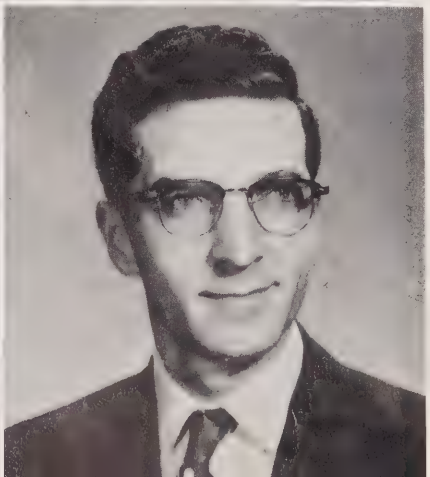


JACK STONER LOWDER
Raleigh, North Carolina
Campbell College
B.S., Wake Forest College
Social Studies and Physical Education

MRS. J. BRYAN DEANS
Wilson, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
Mathematics, English and Science

MRS. FRANKLIN SPENCER HOGG
Kelly, North Carolina
B.S., East Carolina College
Home Economics and Science

MRS. JAMES P. WOVIOTIS
Wilson, North Carolina
A.B., Atlantic Christian College
English, Civics and Typing



J. ALLEN KENNY
Woodlawn, Virginia
B.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Agriculture

WARREN R. TAIT, PRINCIPAL
Kenosha, Wisconsin
B. Ed., Wisconsin State College
M. Ed., University of North Carolina
Typing

CLASSES

OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lloyd Galloway, President; James Owens, Vice-President; Romese Webb, Secretary; Faye Deans, Treasurer.

THE SENIORS

In the Freshmen year, the class enrollment was thirty-two. Ree Owens was president, Lloyd Galloway, vice-president; Romese Webb, secretary; and George Exum, treasurer. The girls who made the varsity team were Edwina Joyner, Romese Webb, and Ree Owens. The highlight of the year was a field trip to Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Edwina Joyner became president of the class in the sophomore year. Ree Owens reigned as the Brightleaf maid of honor, chosen by Sigma Chi Fraternity of University of North Carolina. The trip for that year was to Western Virginia.

The following year as juniors, James Owens was president. The class worked hard all year making money to defray the expenses for the junior-senior banquet and dance. One means was presenting the play, Act Your Age. They will be remembered for making the first card catolog for the library. James Owens represented Gardners at Boys' State in Chapel Hill. The juniors that became members of the Beta Club were Lloyd Galloway, James Owens, Ree Owens, Romese Webb, Janice Greene, and Edwina Joyner. Their most interesting trip was to Williamsburg, Virginia.

The seniors now have reached the climax of their high school career with Lloyd Galloway as president and with an enrollment of fifteen. In club activity, James Owens was elected president of Beta and Lloyd Galloway of F. F. A. The outstanding athletes are Edwina Joyner, Ree Owens, Romese Webb, Sybil Ellis, Lloyd Galloway, Ronald Varnell, Wilbur Webb, and Kent Thorne. The senior four day trip to Washington in early spring will remain, no doubt, a most eventful and cherished memory.

The class of '53 stands ready for the long awaited diplomas. As they go on to bigger and better things they will never forget their days at Gardners.

MASCOTS
Dickie Benton and Linda Ellis

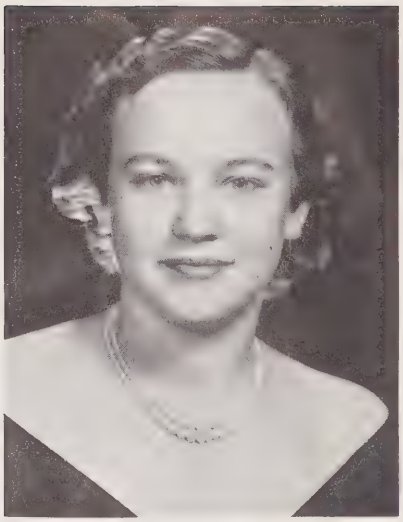
CLASS COLORS
Gold and Blue

CLASS FLOWER
Yellow Rose

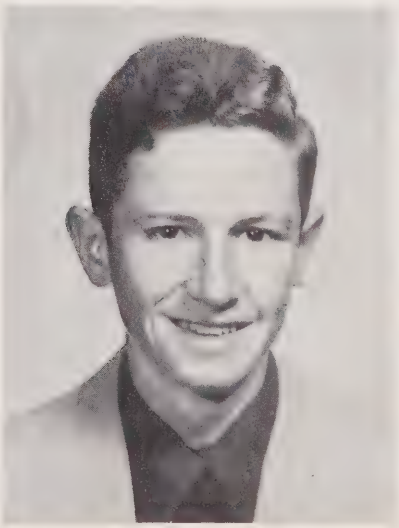
CLASS MOTTO
"Today Decides Tomorrow"

SENIORS

EDITH FAYE DEANS
Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Dancing 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography 3; Halloween Queen Candidate 4; Annual Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, President 3, 4; Class Treasury 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Hobby Club 4; School Bus Driver 4, Substitute Bus Driver 3; Cheerleader 4; Office Worker 4.



SYBIL FAYE ELLIS
F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; School Bus Driver 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Dancing 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Office Worker 4.



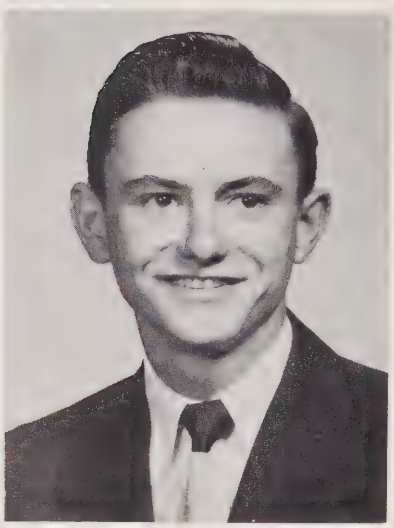
LLOYD GALLOWAY
Basketball 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; President of Class 2, 4; Parliamentary Procedure Team 4; Dancing 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3.

JANICE LOU GREENE
Social Dancing 1, 2, 3; Photography Club 3; Annual Staff 4; Softball 1, 2; Junior Play 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; Halloween Queen Candidate 3.

GLADYS JEFFREYS
Social Dancing 1; F.H.A. 1; Annual Staff 4; Softball 1.

EDWINA JOYNER
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Dancing 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Beta Club Vice President 4; Marshal 3; Junior Play 3; Annual Staff 4; F.H.A. Club 1, 2, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; 3; Office Worker 4.

SENIORS

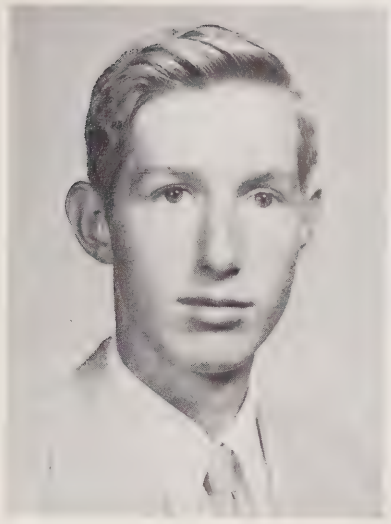


ANN DELORES OWENS
F.H.A. 1, 2, Secretary 4; Social Dancing 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Editor of Annual 4; Secretary of Class 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Maid of Honor of Annual 2; Junior Play 3; Farmer's Day Queen Candidate 2; Halloween Candidate 2; Softball 1, 2, 3; Chief Marshal 3; Annual Queen Candidate 4; Office Worker 4.

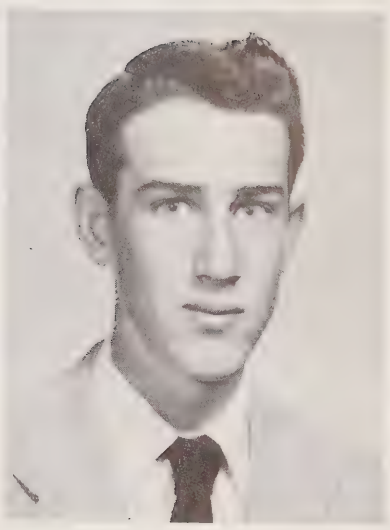
JAMES DONALD OWENS
F.F.A. 1, President 2, Vice President 4; Dancing 3; Basketball 1, 2, Captain 3; Beta Club 3, President 3; Tar Heel Boys' State 3; Class Officer, President 3; Vice President 4; Monogram 3, 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3; Bus Driver 4; Junior Play 3; Photography Club 3; Business Manager of Annual 4; Parliamentary Procedure 4.

BETTY LOIS SAWREY
Softball 2; Photography 3; Annual Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Class Treasury 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 3; Stamp Club 4; Junior Play 3.

DOUGLAS WAYNE THOMPSON
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; Dancing 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; Baseball 1.

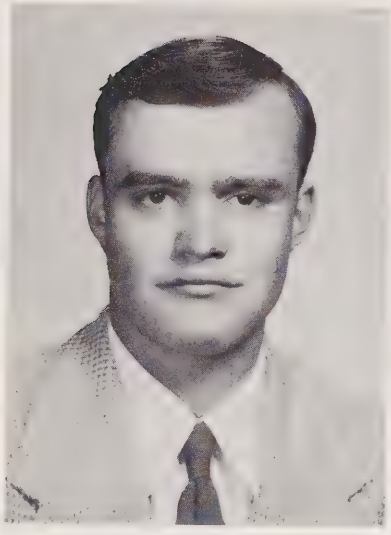


KENNETH RAY THORNE
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Dancing 3, 4; Photography Club 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



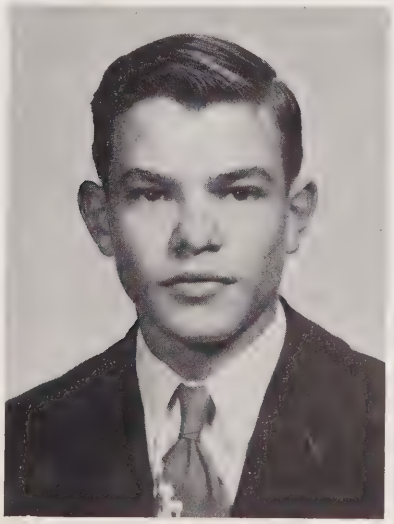
RONALD VARNELL
F.F.A. 1, 2, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Social Dancing 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Substitute Bus Driver 3.

SENIORS

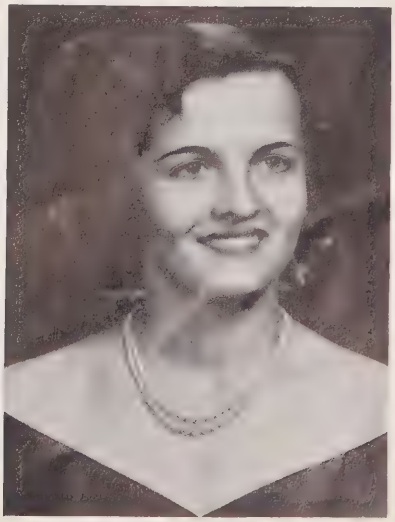


JOSEPH EDWARD WEBB
F.F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARY ROMESE WEBB
F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Historian 1; 4-H Club, Social Dancing 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Junior Play 3; President of Class 1; Vice President of Class 3; Secretary of Class 4; Secretary Beta Club 4; Marshal 3; Annual Queen Candidate 3, 4; Office Worker.



WILBUR KENNETH WEBB
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Dancing 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 1; Football 1.



EVELYN LOUCILLE WINDERS
F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Social Dancing 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary of 4-H Club 4; Stamp Club 4; Photography Club 3; Dramatics Club 2; Softball 2; Office Worker 4.

WITTIEST
Sybil Ellis and Kenneth Thorne

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Ree Owens and Lloyd Galloway

FRIENDLIEST
Faye Deans and Joseph Webb

SUPER

CUTEST
Lois Sawrey and Douglas Thompson

MOST DEPENDABLE
Gladys Jeffreys and Joseph Webb

BEST ALL AROUND
Janice Greene and Kenneth Thorne

BEST LOOKING
Evelyn Winders and Ronald Varnell

LATIVES

MOST ATHLETIC
Romese Webb and James Owens

MOST POPULAR
Edwina Joyner and James Owens

BEST SPORTS
Sybil Ellis and Wilbur Webb

OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Sam Greene, President;Billy Garner, Vice-President; Turner Gardner, Secretary; Ernest Brantley, Treasurer.

THE JUNIORS

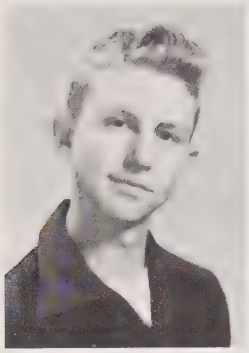
The juniors have been a hard working group this year raising funds in various ways for the annual junior-senior banquet through the guidance of Mrs. Hogg, the home room teacher. The juniors sponsored a booth at the county fair and sold cakes, stationery, and Christmas cards to boost their funds for the grand finale. The junior play which is an annual event at Gardners was given the latter part of February. The leading characters in the play, "Pigtails, " were Peggy Edwards, Turner Gardner, Delanie Webb, and Dallas Webb.A great deal of talent was displayed by the members of the cast.

Every Monday and Friday at eleven thirty-five is activity period. The clubs that the juniors participate are F. F. A., Dramtics, Photography, and Social Dancing. Outstanding students and members of the Beta Club are Dallas Webb, Sandra Baker, Claire Whitley, Peggy Edwards, Jean Barnes, Joyce Grice and Doris Durham. Members of the boys' varsity basketball team are Archie Galloway, Dallas Webb, Turner Gardner, Ernest Brantley, and Sam Green. Peggy Edwards, Munevia Smith, and Delanie Webb are members of the girls' basketball team. The cheerleaders are Sandra Baker, Claire Whitley, Annette Thomas, and Geraldine Askew. The operator of the scoreboard is Billy Garner, and Bill Proctor is manager of the basketball team. The annual queen candidate is Peggy Edwards.

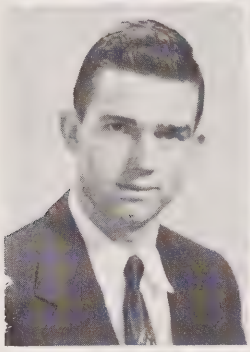
JUNIORS

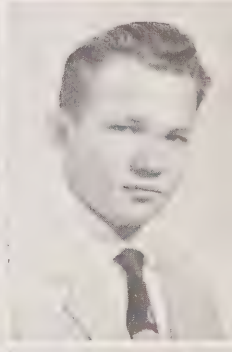
Edwin Amerson
Sandra Baker
Shelby Jean Barnes

Ernest Brantley
Doris Durham
Peggy Lou Edwards
Charles Floars

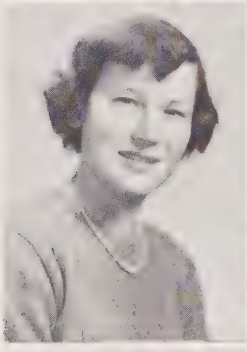
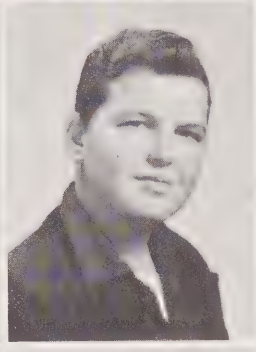


Archie Galloway
Turner Gardner
Sam Greene
Billy Garner





Frances Pittman
Bill Proctor
Joyce Grice
G. T. Sawrey

J. H. Skinner
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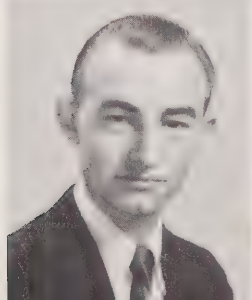
Munevia Smith
Delanie Webb

Dallas Webb
Elton Webb
Claire Whitley
Myrtle Kate Womble



OFFICERS

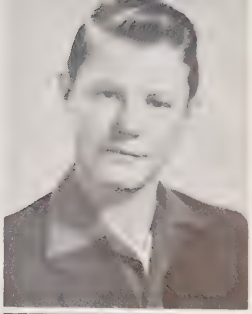
LEFT TO RIGHT: Nancy Bullock, President; Helen Whitley, Vice-President; Mona Gardner, Secretary; Stanley Etheridge, Treasurer.

THE SOPHOMORES

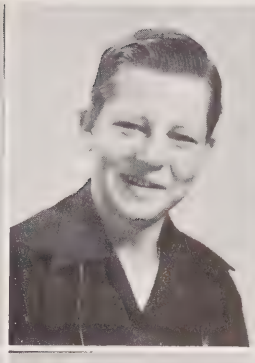
The sophomores have been a very active group. Through the splendid guidance of Mrs. Deans, the home room teacher, the group has undertaken various projects. The sophomore home room is the only room in high school to obtain blonde furniture; several members took time out to sand and varnish two old library tables so that they would blend in with the new ones. The students were Stanley Etheridge, Ernest Sawrey, Alvis Baker, and George Webb. The artists that keep the room brightened up with painted friezes are Vivian Benton, Helen Whitley, and Mona Gardner. Outstanding students and members of the Beta Club are Mona Gardner, Vivian Benton, Yvonne Varnell, Bessie Mae Webb, Sylvia Baker, Faye Walston, and Nancy Bullock. The boys who took part and won second in the F.F.A. Tool Judging Contest were Billy Gardner, Ray Dilda, and Billy Harrell. Members of the girls' varsity basketball team are Mona Gardner, Vivian Benton, Yvonne Varnell, Mollie Webb, Sylvia Baker, Faye Walston, Nancy Bullock, and Esther Thomas. Sue Robbins is chief cheerleader. Two lovely annual queen candidates are Mona Gardner and Helen Whitley. Also, Helen Whitley was the school's Miss Merry Christmas. The sophomores favorite club is Social Dancing.

SOPHOMORES

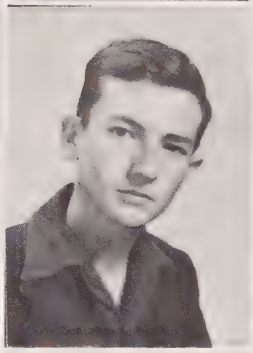
Alvis Baker
Ella Baker

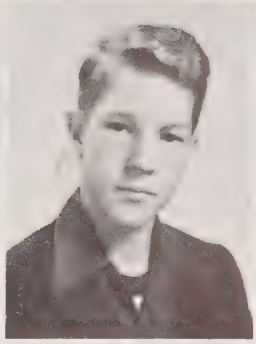


Sylvia Baker
Glennwood Barnes
Vivian Benton
Nancy Bullock

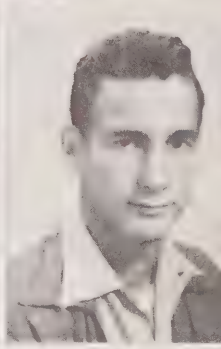


Ray Dilda
Stanley Etheridge
Billy Gardner
Mona Faye Gardner





Eula Gray Lucas
Sue Robbins
Ernest Sawrey
Millard Scott



Esther Thomas
Ted Varnell
Yvonne Varnell
Faye Walston

Bessie Mae Webb
George Webb
Mollie Webb
Helen Whitley

OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Joseph Owens, President; George Webb, Vice-President; Hazel Pittman, Secretary; Maxie Webb, Treasurer.

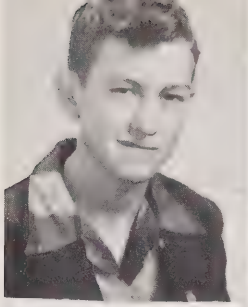
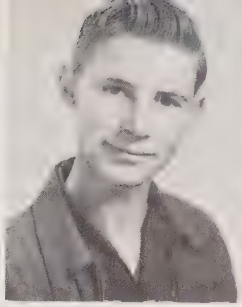
THE FRESHMEN

The freshmen have found being a part of Gardners High School student body a new and thrilling experience.

Every Wednesday, the freshmen meet at eleven thirty-five with Mr. Lowder, their home room teacher, for home room activity and guidance. The other days at that period they either meet for clubs, study hall, or physical education. The courses they take are English, civics, algebra, agriculture, home economics, and health. While the boys take agriculture, the girls are taking home economics. The outstanding students are Joseph Owens, Norman Etheridge, Hazel Pittman, and Rachel Harrell. The outstanding athletes are Joseph Owens, George Webb, Gene Driver, Maxie Webb, and Mary Charles Jeffreys. The freshmen favorite club is Social Dancing. Others they participate are F.F.A., F.H.A., 4-H, and the Stamp Club.

FRESHMEN

Alex D. Baker
Harold Baker
Helen Baker
Alice Faye Barnes

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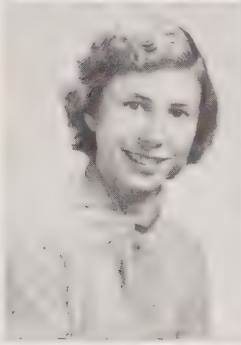
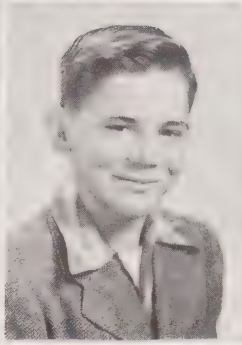
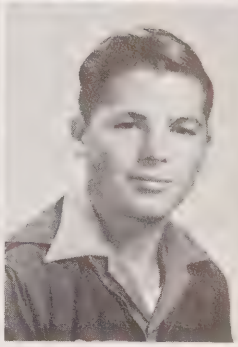
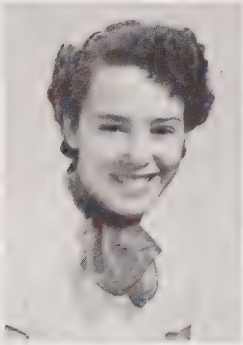
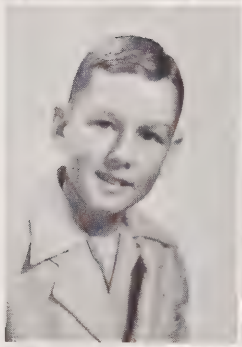




Verna Dunbar
David Edwards
Norman Etheridge
Etta Exum

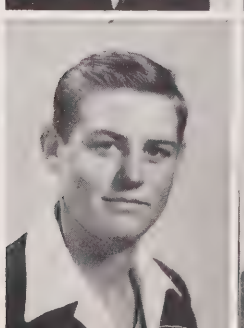


Lyman Galloway
Anne Harrell
Mary Charles Jeffreys
Randolph Lucas



Joseph Owens
Billy Pittman
Hazel Pittman
Kenneth Sawrey

Charles Sutton
Adrian Webb
George Webb
Maxie Webb



OUR

ENGLISH

Mrs. Woviotis supervises while Jean Barnes explains to the juniors a diagram.

ALGEBRA

The freshmen under the supervision of Mrs. Deans are absorbing Hazel Pittman's instructions.

AGRICULTURE

The junior boys are learning skill through the use of machinery. They are the future farmers of America.

CLASSES

BIOLOGY

The Biology Class instructed by Mrs. Hogg is shown explaining the circulatory system with great interest.

HOME ECONOMICS

The senior girls are taking a special interest in sewing. Their objective is becoming good homemakers.

SOCIOLOGY

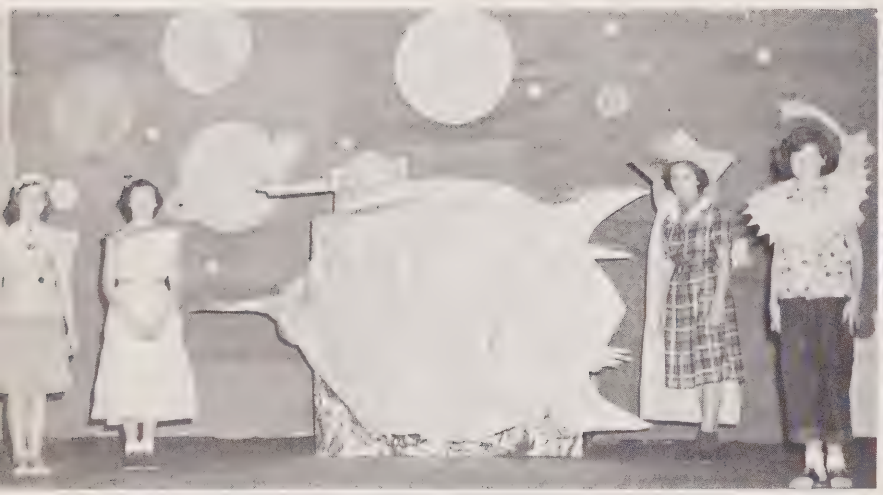
While Mr. Lowder aids Ronald Varnell with his problem, the other seniors are studying their assignment. Their aim is to better understand the home, community, nation and world affairs.

Halloween King and Queen
Thomas Green and Frankie Strickland
Prince and Princess
Nelton Walston and Dorothy Owens

Christmas play by sixth grade

The Gypsy Troubadours

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



"Visitors from Space," seventh grade play

1952 Class Night Play, "Isle of Our Dreams."

1952 Commencement

Looking back stage on
the Cole Marionettes

Junior Play, "Pigtails."

ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL QUEEN

PEGGY LOU EDWARDS
Eleventh Grade

MAID OF HONOR

HELEN VICTORIA WHITLEY
Tenth Grade

Both, the annual queen and maid of honor, were chosen by Paul Green, noted American playwright of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

MONA FAYE GARDNER
Future Homemakers of America

ANN DELORES OWENS
Future Farmers of America

ATTENDANTS

MARY ROMESE WEBB
Twelfth Grade

MARY CHARLES JEFFREYS
Ninth Grade

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Evelyn Winders, Ray Barnes, Lois Sawrey. STANDING: Billy Pittman, Lyman Galloway.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club is a new organization at Gardners. The carry-over values from this interesting hobby will assure the collector of pleasure and added knowledge for years after graduation.

BETA CLUB

The local chapter of the National Beta Club is in its second year at Gardners School. The club has a membership of twenty. Of this number, ten are charter members of the organization. One of the outstanding projects of the Beta Club is supervising the school store. For a fund raising project, the club makes and sells candy and cake at local sporting events.

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: James Owens, President; Edwina Joyner, Vice-President; Romese Webb, Secretary; Peggy Edwards, Treasurer. STANDING, SECOND ROW: Shelby Jean Barnes, Doris Durham, Joyce Grice, Ann Delores Owens, Janice Lou Greene, Yvonne Varnell, Faye Walston, Vivian Benton. THIRD ROW: Dallas Webb, Nancy Bullock, Sylvia Baker, Mona Gardner, Sandra Baker, Claire Whitley, Helen Whitley, Lloyd Galloway.

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Peggy Edwards, President; Sam Greene, Vice-President; Mona Gardner, Secretary; Delanie Webb, Treasurer. STANDING: Helen Whitley, Clarie Whitley, Billy Gardner, Vivian Benton, Mrs. Woviotis.

DRAMATICS CLUB

The Dramatics Club was reorganized early part of fall. The members have been studying various stage props, making up actors, and directing. The first production, "Doctor Cure-All", was given in April.

MONOGRAM CLUB

The Monogram Club of Gardners this year has successfully carried out several fund raising programs. The proceeds from these funds will go toward helping some phase of the physical education program.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dallas Webb, Secretary; James Owens, Ronald Varnell, Treasurer. SECOND ROW: Edwina Joyner, Sybil Ellis, Turner Gardner, President; Ree Owens, Romese Webb.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Yvonne Varnell, President; Nancy Bullock, Vice-President; Ann Delores Owens, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Hogg. SECOND ROW: Sylvia Baker, Mollie Webb, Faye Deans, Lois Sawrey, Evelyn Winders, Vivian Benton, Ann Harrell, Eula Gray Lucas. THIRD ROW: Juanita Barnes, Drexal Baker, Alice Barnes, Hazel Pittman, Sue Robbins, Faye Walston. FOURTH ROW: Edwina Joyner, Romese Webb, Sybil Ellis, Mary Jeffreys, Verna Dunbar.

F. H. A. CLUB

The F.H.A. Club has been emphasizing the needs in better homemaking. The members have the opportunity to take part in such activities as learning needlecraft and how to entertain at meals and teas.

F. F. A. CLUB

The F.F.A. Club is one of the most active clubs at Gardners. The members take keen interest in their projects under the splendid supervision of Mr. Kenny. At the Wilson-Greene County Federation Tool Contest, the club came out second. Projects that the members made were posts to go around the gymnasium, forty mail box stands, a table for basketball officials, and basketball players' benches for the gymnasium. Other contests the members will enter are seed-judging and public speaking.

FIRST ROW: Mr. J. A. Kenny, Lloyd Galloway, President; James Owens, Vice-President Billy Garner, Secretary; Wilbur Webb, Treasurer; Sam Greene, Reporter; Turner Gardner. SECOND ROW: Bobby Corbett, Adrian Webb, Randolph Lucas, Lyman Galloway, Kenneth Sawrey, Joseph Owens, Gene Driver, Ray Edwards, Stanley Etheridge, Douglas Thompson, David Edwards. THIRD ROW: Maxie Webb, Norman Etheridge, A. D. Baker, Kenneth Thorne, Joseph Webb, Ronald Varnell, Ernest Sawrey, Elton Webb, Fritz Womble, Charles Floars, Harold Baker, Billy Pittman. FOURTH ROW: J. H. Skinner, Ted Varnell, George Webb, Ray Dilda, Ray Barnes, Billy Gardner, George Webb, Ed Amerson, Glenn Barnes, Alvis Baker, Charles Sutton, G. T. Sawrey, Bill Proctor, Dan Luper.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: John Allen Harrell, President; Nicky Luper, Vice-President; Barbara Ann Edwards, Secretary & Treasurer; Brenda Johnson, Thomas Greene, Peggy Edwards, Diane Etheridge. SECOND ROW: Jimmy Cherry, Betsy Baker, Judy Moore, Kathleen Brantley, Naomi Galloway, Janice Ellis. THIRD ROW: Don Gardner, James Gardner, Eva Varnell, Janice Everette, Sylvia Webb, Patricia Cone. FOURTH ROW: Bobby Pittman, Wesley Little, Glenn Short, Joe Exum, Pat Lamm, Kenneth Baker.

JUNIOR 4-H CLUB

The Junior 4-H Club promotes a wiser understanding of everyday needs. The members have been learning the principles of good health, good grooming, and better farming and homemaking. The advisers are Miss Wheeler and Mr. Carlton, county 4-H agents.

SENIOR 4-H CLUB

The Senior 4-H Club meets the second Friday of each month at nine-thirty in the school's auditorium. The club is supervised by Miss Wheeler and Mr. Carlton, county advisers. In the club's discussions, better farming, and homemaking is being stressed. The project for the members is to raise funds to purchase mirrors for the girls' and boys' rest rooms.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Faye Deans, President; Vivian Benton, Vice-President; Evelyn Winders, Secretary and Treasurer. SECOND ROW: Norman Etheridge, Sandra Barnes, Betty Lou Winders, Jo Ann Skinner, Ann Harrell, Yvonne Varnell, Gene Driver. THIRD ROW: Bill Proctor, Peggy Floars, Ann Barnes, Helen Edwards, Faye Gardner, Charlotte Skinner, A. D. Baker. FOURTH ROW: Bobby Highsmith, Allen Etheridge, Ruth Sharpe, Geraldine Webb, Ruby Lee Taylor. FIFTH ROW: Lyman Galloway, Ella Baker, Bessie Mae Webb, Drexal Baker, Alice Barnes, Randolph Lucas. SIXTH ROW: Bobby Smith, Selby Flowers, Hubert Barkley Jr., Charles Whitley, Stanley Scott, Douglas Robbins.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Joyce Grice, Doris Durham, Stanley Etheridge, Ernest Sawrey.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The dark room in the basement has been a place of much interest to the members. They have learned through Mr. Tait, the adviser, how to develop, enlarge, and print photographs. The members also have learned to take indoor and outdoor candid shots.

SOCIAL DANCING CLUB

The Social Dancing Club has one of the largest memberships. To be exact, there are forty members. Every Friday at eleven thirty-five, the members assembled in the auditorium for social dancing. Both modern and folk dancing are being supervised by Mrs. Hogg.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Myrtle Womble, Munevia Smith, Claire Whitley, Peggy Edwards, Sandra Baker, Gene Driver, Yvonne Varnell, Joe Owens, Vivian Benton, George Webb. SECOND ROW: Rachel Harrell, Juanita Barnes, Hazel Pittman, Alice Barnes, Mona Gardner, Ernest Brantley, Helen Whitley, Faye Walston, Fritz Womble. THIRD ROW: A. D. Baker, Sybil Ellis, Romese Webb, Wilbur Webb, Janice Greene, Evelyn Winders, Dallas Webb, Ree Owens, Edwina Joyner, Esther Thomas, Sylvia Baker. FOURTH ROW: Charles Floars, Drexal Baker, Mary Charles Jefferys, Shelby Jean Webb, Mollie Webb, Nancy Bullock, Eula Gray Lucas, Bill Proctor, Ella Baker, Bessie Mae Webb, Sue Robbins.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Ann Delores Owens

BUSINESS MANAGER
James Donald Owens

ADVISOR
Mrs. James P. Woviotis

Judging from their looks, Mrs. Woviotis must be giving the O. K. to Ree and James on a layout.

ANNUAL STAFF

Years after this book is printed the Brightleaf Staff will look proudly back on their senior year. They will recall the memories of soliciting ads, collecting money, finding photographers, drawing off pages, writing and re-writing copies to meet the deadlines. Even though those days were hectic, in years to come, it will be a cherished memory of which they were a part. The staff sincerely hopes that you, the reader, will enjoy the 1953 BRIGHTLEAF.

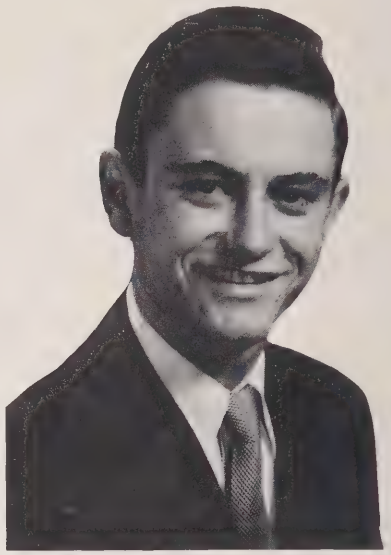
LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: Ann Delores Owens, James Owens, Faye Deans. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Woviotis, Evelyn Winders, Janice Greene, Lois Sawrey, Romese Webb, Sybil Ellis, Edwina Joyner. THIRD ROW: Kent Thorne, Douglas Thompson, Lloyd Galloway, Ronald Varnell, Gladys Jeffreys, Wilbur Webb. NOT PICTURED: Joseph Webb.

OFFICE WORKERS SITTING: Romese Webb, Lois Sawrey. STANDING: Edwina Joyner, Janice Greene, Gladys Jeffreys, Douglas Thompson, Sybil Ellis, Evelyn Winders, Ree Owens, Faye Deans.

BUS DRIVERS: Billy Garner, Sybil Ellis, Faye Deans, James Owens, Dallas Webb, Ronald Varnell. NOT PICTURED: Millard Scott.

TOKEN OF MERIT

HELEN VICTORIA WHITLEY
Gardners Miss Merry Christmas Representative



JAMES DONALD OWENS
1952 Boys' State Representative

MARSHALS: Janice Greene, Romese Webb, Chief Marshal, Ree Owens; Edwina Joyner.

CHEERLEADERS: Faye Deans, Sandra Baker, Sue Robbins, Ann Harrell, Claire Whitley.

ATHLETICS

Dallas, Alton, and Buren
between innings.

Pitcher Alton Webb gets the
word from Coach Williams.

1952 BASEBALL

Bill Webb tops team in batting average.

Gardners Rockets at practice.

1952 BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: Raleigh Lee Scott, Dallas Webb, Billy Wooten, Sam Greene, Ronald Varnell, Buren Williford, Bill Webb. SECOND ROW: Alton Webb, Sherill Baker, Ervin Durham, Turner Gardner, Ernest Brantley, Lynwood Owens, J. D. Morris, Coach Ike Williams.

BASEBALL RECORD

Gardners	2	Rock Ridge	1
Gardners	4	Elm City	10
Gardners	8	Stantonsburg	1
Gardners	4	Saratoga	2
Gardners	2	Lucama	7
Gardners	0	Rock Ridge	7
Gardners	1	Elm City	6
Gardners	3	Stantonsburg	7
Gardners	18	Saratoga	0
Gardners	4	Lucama	7
Gardners	3	Lee Woodard	0
Gardners	4	Lee Woodard	5

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

The Gardners lassies were undefeated except for one game in both school and outside play. They upset the women's city league champions of Wilson who were until that time undefeated. The entire team showed versatility rarely seen in high school softball.

1952 SOFTBALL

LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: Sue Robbins, Mona Faye Gardner, Peggy Lou Edwards, Romese Webb, Katherine Kenny, Sybil Faye Ellis, Sylvia Baker. SECOND ROW: Faye Walston, Delanie Webb, Vivian Benton, Eula Gray Lucas, Ree Owens, Edwina Joyner, Nancy Bullock, Yvonne Varnell, Coach Ike Williams.

DELANIE WEBB
Guard

REE OWENS
Guard

SYBIL ELLIS
Forward

EDWINA JOYNER
Guard

1953 BASKETBALL

GIRLS' RECORD

Gardners	37	Belvoir	41
Gardners	40	Leggetts	44
Gardners	51	Belvoir	18
Gardners	49	South Edgecombe	21
Gardners	42	South Edgecombe	15
Gardners	43	West Edgecombe	36
Gardners	63	Leggetts	38
Gardners	24	West Edgecombe	17
Gardners	50	Lee Woodard	47
Gardners	52	Ideal	32
Gardners	50	Lee Woodard	47
Gardners	31	Lucama	27
Gardners	40	Saratoga	53
Gardners	45	Rock Ridge	49
Gardners	46	Stantonsburg	50
Gardners	34	Elm City	50
Gardners	50	Lee Woodard	55
Gardners	39	Ideal	33
Gardners	38	Lucama	28
Gardners	56	Saratoga	67
Gardners	33	Rock Ridge	37
Gardners	44	Stantonsburg	52
Gardners	36	Elm City	51

ROMESE WEBB
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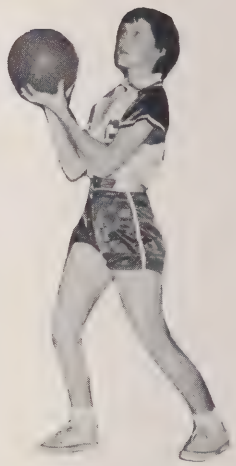
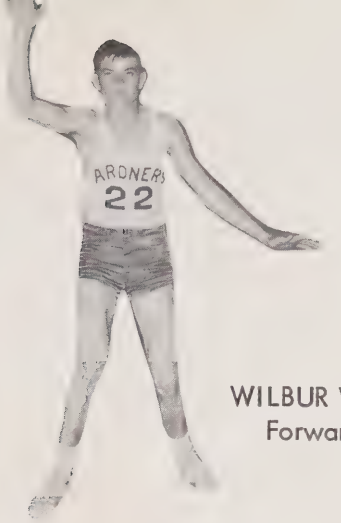


VIVIAN
BENTON
Forward

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sybil Ellis, Co-Captain, Romese Webb, Captain. SECOND ROW: Edwina Joyner, Delanie Webb, Ree Owens, Vivian Benton. THIRD ROW: Munevia Smith, Eula Lucas, Mona Gardner, Faye Walston, Sylvia Baker, Mollie Webb, Yvonne Varnell, Peggy Edwards, Nancy Bullock.

Coach
JACK LOWDER

ERNEST BRANTLEY
Center



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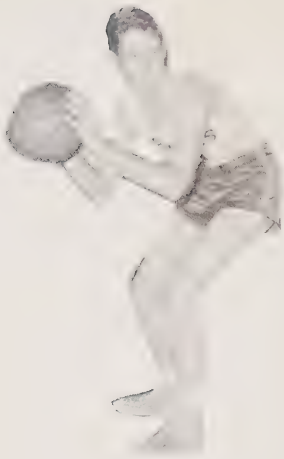

TURNER GARDNER
Guard

1953 BASKETBALL

BOYS' RECORD

Gardners	51	Belvoir	41
Gardners	41	Leggetts	44
Gardners	37	Belvoir	41
Gardners	42	South Edgecombe	40
Gardners	38	South Edgecombe	42
Gardners	37	West Edgecombe	78
Gardners	31	Leggetts	33
Gardners	40	West Edgecombe	63
Gardners	53	Lee Woodard	47
Gardners	34	Lucama	51
Gardners	43	Saratoga	40
Gardners	38	Rock Ridge	67
Gardners	28	Stantonsburg	82
Gardners	31	Elm City	53
Gardners	39	Lee Woodard	37
Gardners	46	Lucama	65
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RONALD VARNELL
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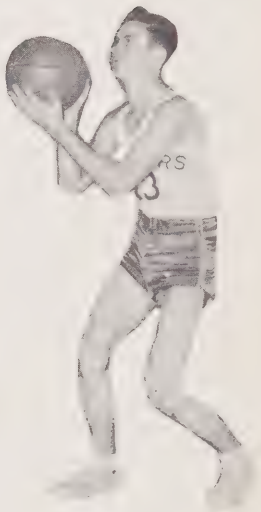


JAMES OWENS
Forward

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT: James Owens, Turner Gardner, Captain; Lloyd Galloway, Bill Proctor, Manager. SECOND ROW: Wilbur Webb, Kenneth Thorne, Archie Galloway, Ernest Brantley, Dallas Webb, Ronald Varnell, Sam Green.

Coach
JACK LOWDER

Theme of 1952 Junior-Senior banquet
"The Friendship Garden"

HIGHLIGHTS

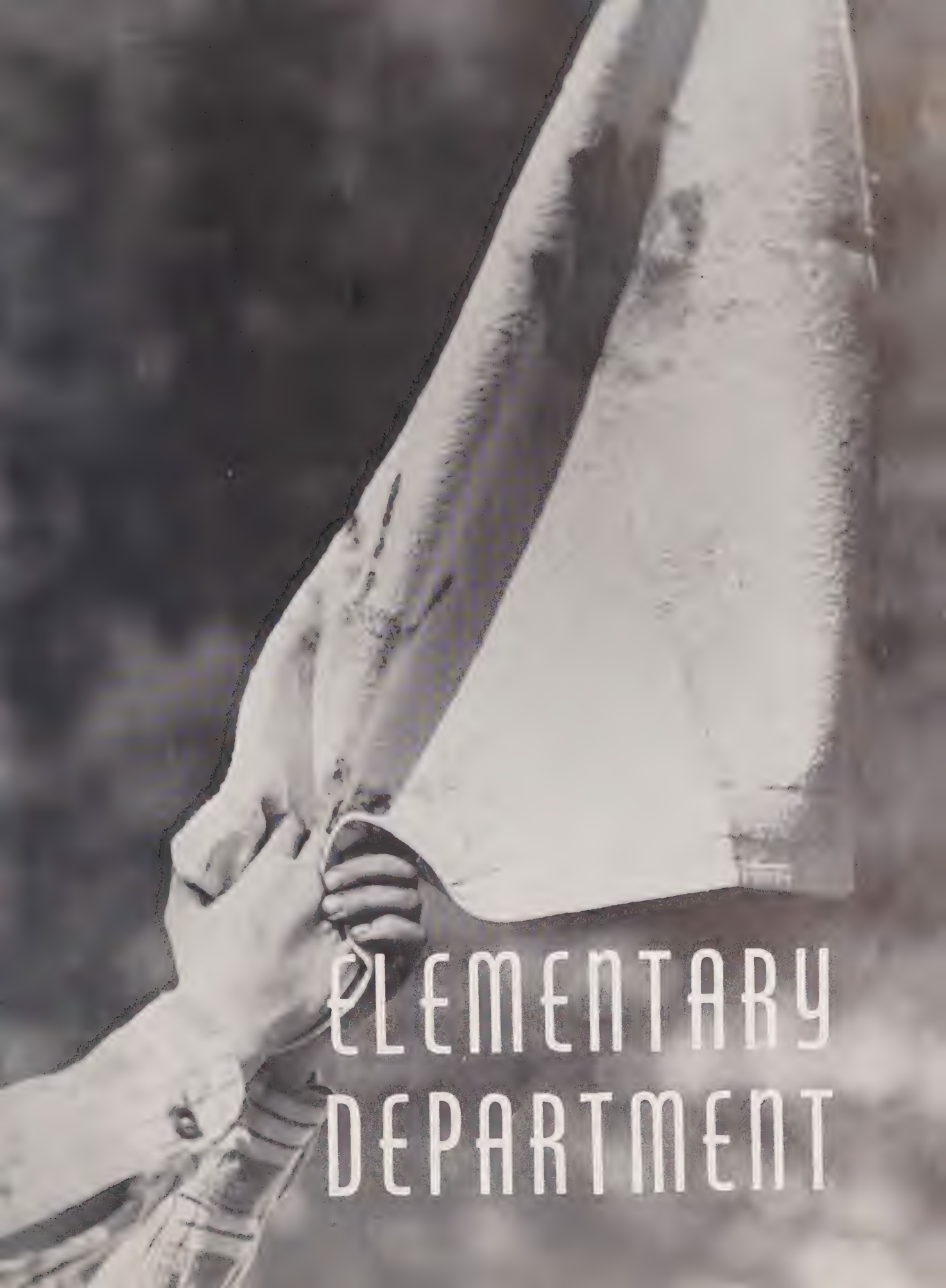
The assistants in the renovated lunchroom

Sixth grade girls taking
physical education in gym

Three Seniors look through the
card catalog for research work.

1952 Tournament
Gardners girls v.s. Lee Woodard's

Students poll in 1952 presidential election


ELEMENTARY
DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Orin Thomas--First Grade
ROW ONE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sam Bowling, Clifton Summerlin, Wayne Short, Bobby Ray Walston, Diane Tait, Faye Harrell, Joe Cummings, Shirley Cooke, Janice Daniels, Jimmie Skinner. ROW TWO: Joyce Winstead, J. T. Bundy, Barbara Evans, Larry Greene, Jacquelyn Strickland, Dorothy Owens, Ann Webb, Linda Baker. ROW THREE: Florence Varnell, Nelton Walston, Carol Ruffin, Ann Cooke, Dannie Cone.

ELEMENTARY

Mrs. E. Hugh Bass--Second Grade
ROW ONE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Donald Lamm, Ronnie Galloway, Dennis Tait, Andy Ellis, Jerry Webb, James Exum, Billy Barnes, Carol Cone, John Luper. ROW TWO: Billy Williford, Grace Bundy, James Webb, Mary Speight, Roy Owens, Kirby Wiggs, Faye Webb, Russell Floars. ROW THREE: Paulette Barnes, Ruby Britt, Carol Owens, Dan Ellis. ROW FOUR: Wade Thomas, Barry Flowers, Mahola Williford, Wayne Beamon.

GRADES

Mrs. Mildred T. Gardner--Third Grade.
ROW ONE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Leslie Ellis, Melvin Summerlin, Ervin Robbins, Leslie Skinner, Jerry McKeel, Jackie Pate, Jimmy Greene, Harry Cummings, Douglas Gardner, Larry Bridgers. ROW TWO: Philip Gardner, Ann Skinner, Steve Scott, Jean Pittman, Don Walston, Frank Winstead, Evonne Skinner, Walter Morris, Mary Varnell. ROW THREE: Archie Baker, Kay Sharpe, Gordon Wiggs, Lynda Baker, Roger Sharpe, Faye Webb, Elbert Reeves, Lois Batts, Alice Thompson. ROW FOUR: Donnie Edwards, Goldie Proctor, Joseph Flowers.

W. D. Baker
Judy Faye Beamon
Mary Ann Britt
Bobby Cockrell
Judy Combs
Leroy Corbett

Carlton Daniel
Janet Dilda
Jimmie Driver
Russell Etheridge
Tyrus Etheridge
Bettie Sue Flowers

Sallie Forbes
Elton Gardner
Marilyn Lamb
Louise Lewis
Robert Lucas
Gerald Luper

Mary Ann Luper
Faye Owens
Tempie Robbins
Jane Sawrey
Margie Sharp
Alice Summerlin

Edna Summerlin
Bill Sutton
Dorothy Thomas
Claude Thompson
Carolyn Varnell
Helen Walston

Jackie Warbritton
Gloria Webb
Judith Webb
Vickie Webb
Donald Whitley
McCray Whitley

Ruth Williams
Edward Williford
Ben Winders

FOURTH GRADE

Odelle Baker
Bobby Batts
Violet Bridgers
Lula Mae Cooke
Jane Cummings
Wayne Dilda

Una Dunbar
Barbara Edwards
Larry Ellis
Milton Everett
Joe Exum
Jackie Freeman

FIFTH GRADE

Thomas Greene
Brenda Johnson
John Allen Harrell
Pat Lamm
Don Little

Donnie Parker
Kenneth Proctor
Linwood Ruffin
Kenneth Sutton
Johnny Thompson

FIFTH GRADE

Faye Turner
Rosa Whitley
Janice Wiggs
Milton Williford

SIXTH GRADE

Ann Baker
Jackie Baker
Bobby Barnes
Ann Benton
Kathleen Brantley

Marjorie Driver
Weston Dunbar
Ray Flowers
Don Gardner
James Gardner

Alma Ruth Gilbert
Richard Greene
Barney Harrell
Doris Harrell
Edward Lewis

Judy Moore
Jimmie Morris
Durwood Owens
Levi Pittman
Geraldine Skinner

Judy Speight
Margie Summerlin
Sidney Taylor
Fay Thomas
Eva Varnell

Shelley Walston
Sylvia Webb

Kenneth Baker
Jimmy Cherry
Patricia Cone
Peggy Edwards
Janice Ellis
Gerald Ellis

Diane Etheridge
Janice Everette
Naomi Galloway
Richard Jeffreys
Adele Lewis
Wesley Little

Nicky Luper
Dorothy Morris
Bobby Gene Pittman
Glenn Short
Robert Summerlin
Edward Thompson

Donnie Varnell
Jerry Walston
Geraldine Webb
Margie Webb

Geraldine Baker
Peggy Baker
Hubert Barkley
Ann Barnes
Sandra Barnes
Steve Cummings

Helen Edwards
Allen Etheridge
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Selby Flowers
Faye Tina Gardner
Ann Harrell

Bobby Highsmith
Mency Owens
Douglas Robbins
Stanley Scott
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Charlotte Skinner

Jo Ann Skinner
Bobby Smith
Ruby Lee Taylor
Jimmy Thomas
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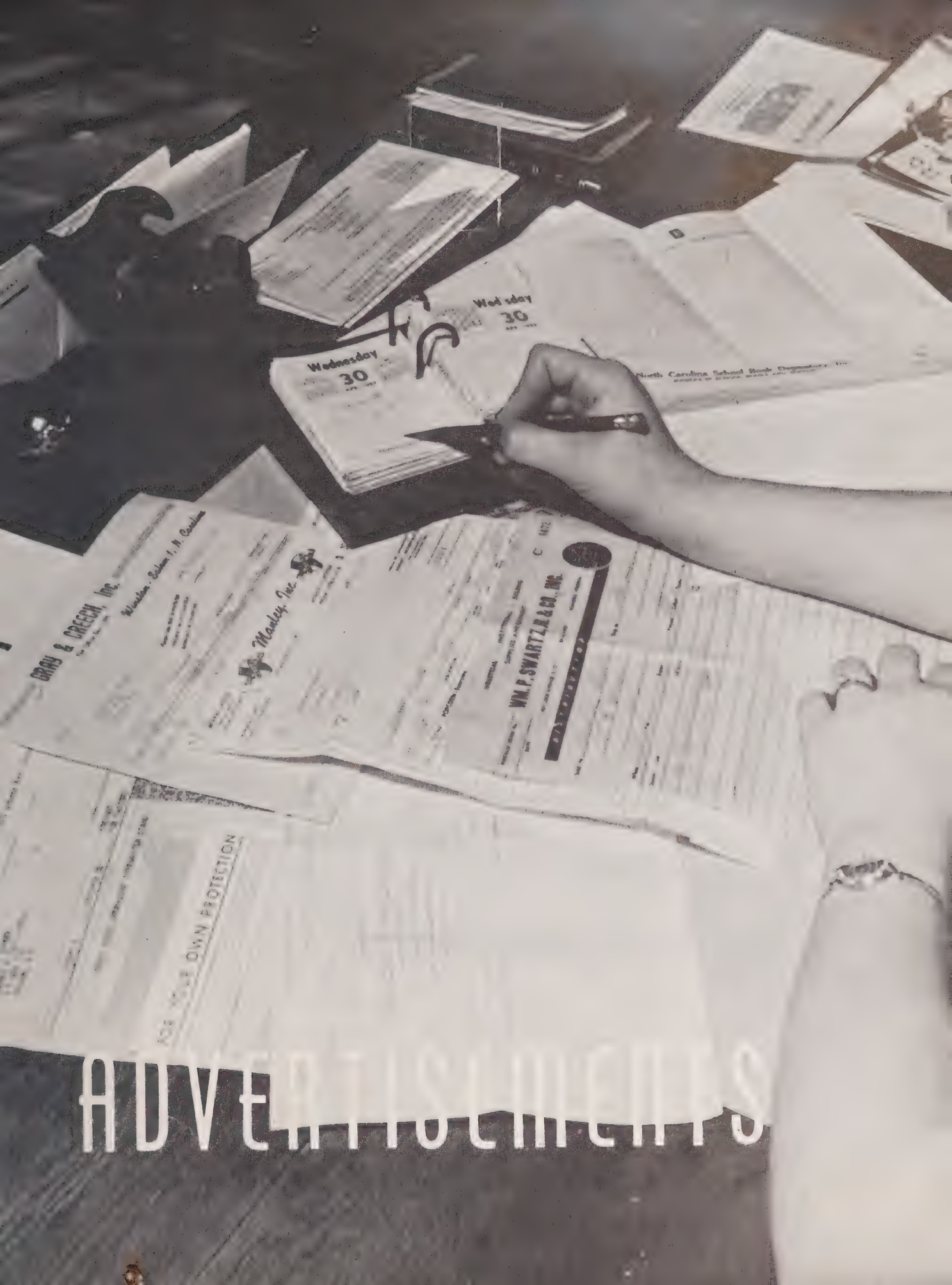
SEVENTH GRADE

EIGHTH GRADE

THE GOAL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